

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication in the outstanding Office Action that claims 1, 12, and 13 are allowed and that claims 2-8 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Claims 9-11 stand withdrawn. Of these, claims 10 and 11 have been amended to remove reference characters.

Claims 1, 3-8, 12, and 13 have been amended to remove reference characters. Since the amendments are non-narrowing, no estoppel is deemed attachable thereto.

Regarding the objection to claim 3, the Applicants respectfully note that claim 1 calls for the switchover to occur to the input whose signal exhibits the highest lever, while claim 3 limits this subject matter by stating that the switchover occurs to this input (whose signal exhibits the highest lever) only if this (highest) level is sufficient to determine the azimuth. Thus, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully traverses the non-enablement rejections applied to claims 2-8.

The Office Action proposes that claims 2-8 fail to comply with the enablement requirement set forth in 35 USC §112, first paragraph, because Applicant's specification does not disclose how an azimuth value, in relation to either an aircraft or a runway, may be determined (Office Action section 4). Applicant disagrees.

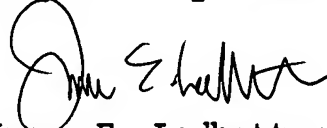
The American Heritage College Dictionary, Fourth Edition, 2002, defines an azimuth as the horizontal angular distance from a reference direction. Enclosed Exhibit 1 provides an exemplary diagram of relationships between a reference direction and the directions of a runway and an aircraft. As illustrated, θ_1 identifies the azimuth (i.e., angular distance) between the reference and runway directions and θ_2 identifies the azimuth between the reference and aircraft directions. Applicant respectfully submits that one of ordinary skill in the art knows how to determine the respective azimuths illustrated in Exhibit 1.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that the definition of azimuth, alone, enables one of ordinary skill in the art to determine the angular distance between a reference direction and a direction of concern. Therefore, allowance of claims 2-8 is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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